

In regard to the current discussion concerning the priority of Low Power FM versus FM translators, I wish to express my comment. An FM translator for AIR1 radio currently serves me. This translator provides me with the programming both my family and I desire. Recently, a local FM station, which provided similar programming, went off the air, leaving only this translator providing the specific programming that I utilize. I assume that our small community could not provide enough support to make this programming economically viable. If priority for LPFM were to result in the displacement of the AIR1 translator in my area, I would have no option for broadcast reception for this programming. I believe that in my area (and I would extend that assertion to many smaller communities) there is a demand for programming of this type that the local economy cannot sustain independently. The use of a national or regional network of translators meets this demand in a cost effective manner and serves the public interest as evidenced by its perennial success.

Thanx for your consideration,
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